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Viewing cable 05NEWDELHI8892, INDIA CAUTIOUSLY WELCOMES NEW SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT

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05NEWDELHI8892	2005-11-23 12:54	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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SUBJECT: INDIA CAUTIOUSLY WELCOMES NEW SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT

Classified By: PolCouns Geoff Pyatt, for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

11. (C) Summary: The GOI called Mahinda Rajapakse's victory in the November 17 Sri Lankan Elections a ""wake-up call for India"" and plans to LTTE Boycott a Sign of Weakness

12. (C) In a meeting with PolCouns and Poloff on November 23, MEA Joint Secretary for Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Burma Mohan Kumar emphasized t But Rajapakse Victory Strengthens the LTTE

13. (C) Highlighting the benefits the LTTE gains from Rajapakse's victory, Sri Lanka watcher and Prabhakaran biographer M.R. Narayan Swamy cor Rajapakse: Hawkish Campaigner but Moderate President?

14. (C) MEA's Deputy Secretary for Sri Lanka Anupam Rae was hopeful that Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse's hawkish campaign rhetoric wa

15. (C) P. Sahadevan, a Professor of Sri Lankan studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, was less optimistic about the JVP's likely influence c GOI's Private Message for Rajapakse

16. (C) Joint Secretary Kumar suggested that the GOI's first post-election priority is ensuring that the cease-fire does not break down in lig India Crossing the Rubicon on its Role in Sri Lanka

17. (C) In light of the stalled peace process and the potential for further decline, Kumar commented that the GOI ""prefers to be hands off,""

18. (C) Although the Norwegian government told Kumar that the LTTE would like India to play a facilitation role, Kumar insisted that the GOI w Rajapakse Comes to Delhi

19. (C) Indian Sri Lankan watchers are predicting that the GOI will have a tough message for Rajapakse when he visits Delhi on his first Presi

10. (C) Desk Officer Rae noted that Rajapakse is likely to press for concluding the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and enlistir Comment: GOI and USG Must Support Continued CFA

11. (C) Compared to New Delhi's Sri Lanka watchers, the GOI was less gloomy about the implications of Rajapakse's victory. Indian analysts s

12. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>)

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